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- 1. MISS CHERRY HAS NO NEWS TO REPORT ON STATUS OF HER PLAN TO TRY FOR TOURIST VISA, AND SHE STILL HOPES THAT "PRIVATE VISA" WILL BE FORTHCOMING.
- 2. MISS CHERRY HAS HEARD, SECOND OR THIRD HAND, DIS-QUIETING RUMOR TO THE EFFECT THAT AN OFFICIAL AT THE LENINGRAD PALACE OF WEDDINGS TOLD A BRITISH SUBJECT THAT NO MORE WEDDINGS BETWEEN SOVIET AND FOREIGN CITIZENS WOULD BE PERFORMED IN LENINGRAD. EMBASSY INFORMED MISS CHERRY THAT WE DOUBTED VERACITY OF THIS STORY BUT AGREED TO SEEK COMMENTS FROM OUR MISSIONS IN MOSCOW AND LENINGRAD.
- 3. IN DISCUSSIRQ HER PLIGHT WITH FRIENDS, MISS CHERRY HAS COME ACROSS ONE COUPLE (BRITISH MAN AND SOVIET GIRL) WHO HAD APPARENT SUCCESS AFTER BRITISH OARTNER WROTE TO PODGORNIY, SCVIET CONSUL, AND WIFE OF SOVIET AMBASSADOR, ENCLOSING LETTERS OF SUPPORT FROM CLERGYMEN WHO PLEADED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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CASE ON HUMANITARIAN GROUNDS AND FROM JOURNALISTS WHO "OFFERED" TO PUBLICIZE CASE. MISS CHERRY WOULD WELCOME MOSCOW'S COMMENTS ON ADVISABILITY OF HER PURSUING SUCH A COURSE.

4. FYI, TO ADD TO HER TROUBLES, MISS CHERRY'S LEAVE TO STAY IN UK EXOIRED, AND SHE WAS FACED WITH ORDER TO

LEAVE THE COUNTRY. EMBASSY HAD INFORMAL WORD WITH HOME OFFICE TO EXOLAIN CIRCUMSTANCES OF HER CASE, AND HER APPEAL TO REMAIN WAS GRANTED.

5. CAN MOSCOW PROVIDE UPDATE ON STATUS OF ITS DEMARCHES TO MFA ON MISS CHERRY'S BEHALF?

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